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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE U.S. CONTRIBUTION IN RESPONSE TO UNHCR APPEALS
FOR SAHARAN REFUGEES

REF: (A) STATE 098562, (B) 76 RABAT 5914, (C) 76 STATE 293274

1. REFUGEE QUESTION IS INTRICATELY LINKED TO EACH SIDE'S POLITICS IN THEIR THEOLOGICAL SAHARA EXCHANGES. THE MOROCCANS MAINTAIN THAT: A) THE REFUGEES ARE BEING HELD AGAINST THEIR WILLS; B) THE CAMPS ARE SUPPLYING CONSCRIPTS FOR GUERRILLA WARFARE IN THE SAHARA, MOROCCO, AND MAURITANIA; C) THE ALGERIANS ARE PLAYING A NUMBERS GAME WITH THE REFUGEES, HAVING SWOLLEN THE CAMPS BY ADDING PEOPLES FROM ELSEWHERE; D) THE RETURN OF THESE SAHARANS TO THEIR HOMELAND IS A SINE QUA NON IF THE GOM IS EVER GOING TO CONSULT THE SAHARAN POPULATION, AS STIPULATED IN UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON THE SAHARA. THE GOM IS THUS LIKELY TO ARGUE THAT ANY LARGE AMOUNTS OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TOWARD THE REFUGEES WILL PERPETUATE THE EXISTING SITUATION AND HELP THE ALGERIANS.

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2. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF UNHCR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE WITH GOM OFFICIALS, BUT WOULD BE SURPRISED IF GOM ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE QUESTION HAVE EVOLVED BEYOND WHAT THE FRENCH TOLD US LAST NOVEMBER (SEE 76 PARIS 35266). THUS, WHILE WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, IT STRIKES US AS BEING MORE IN KEEPING WITH OUR NEUTRAL POSTURE ON THE SAHARA TO CONTINUE TO REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATION (SEE

REFTEL C). IF WE DECIDE TO CONTRIBUTE, WE HOPE OUR PARTICIPATION
CAN HAVE THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PROFILE.
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